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<u>AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS</u>

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A marking surface <u>operable to be written on, drawn</u>
on or otherwise marked by a <u>user providing penmanship improving indicia</u>, comprising:

a marking area <u>comprising penmanship improving Indicia Including comprising</u> ink capable of disappearing; and

an overlying barrier sheet for preventing permeation of air, said overlying barrier sheet being removably affixed to the marking surfacearea:

wherein removal of said overlying barrier sheet initiates a chemical reaction process in which said ink disappears with after passage of a certain amount of time.

- (Original) The marking surface of claim 1, wherein said barrier sheet is a sheet of synthetic polymer.
- 3. (Original) The marking surface of claim 1, wherein said barrier sheet is a sheet of lightweight aluminum foil.
- 4. (Original) The marking surface of claim 1, wherein said marking area includes an area for writing a note between a plurality of lines formed from said ink.

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- 5. (Original) The marking surface of claim 1, further comprising a series of instructions located on said barrier sheet.
- (Original) A system for providing guidance for writing a note, comprising:
 a writing surface including a guidance means formed of a substance capable of disappearing; and

an activating cover for initiating a reaction process when placed over said writing surface, thereby causing said substance to disappear.

- 7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6, wherein said activating cover is treated with exidizing a reactionary agent reacting with said substance on said writing surface to cause said substance to disappear.
- 8. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein said activating cover is a sheet of synthetic polymer.
- 9. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein said activating cover is a sheet of light-weight aluminum foil.

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10. (Original) A method for providing a writing surface with penmanship improving indicia, comprising:

treating the writing surface with a disappearing substance to form the penmanship improving indicia; and

covering the writing surface with an air-impermeable cover to prevent exposure of the writing surface to air.

11. (New) A system as claimed in claim 6, wherein said activating cover comprises a chemical for initiating the reaction process when the activating cover is placed over said writing surface.